## Australian University Teacher of the Year

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Current Recipient of Australian University Teacher of the Year

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Congratulations to Associate Professor Kevin Tant, the winner of the 2015 Prime Minister's Award for University Teacher of the Year (PMUTY).

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training. praised the outstanding efforts of Kevin Tant from Monash University for his "engaging and imaginative approach to teaching". Associate Professor Kevin Tant has made significant and imaginative contributions to teaching excellence and student learning in the field of finance. He led the software and hardware design and build of the Simulated Teaching and Research Laboratory (STARLab) which simulates the professional market trading system. The STARLab has been a vital contributor to maintaining Monash **Business School's international** accreditations and students describe Dr Tant's lessons as inspiring and mindblowing.Kevin is a passionate and effective communicator and has worked closely with colleagues to introduce software in subjects such as business and

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corporate finance, derivatives, equity markets, financial management, investments and portfolio management, and the management of financial institutions. These immerse students in active simulated contexts where the relevance of learning is demonstrable and students are highly motivated and engaged. Associate Professor Tant mentors and works with colleagues as they adapt their own teaching practices to the potential offered by his innovations. "Associate Professor Tant is recognised for his contribution to teaching excellence and student learning in the field of finance, including immersing his students into the virtual world financial markets and testing ideas via realistic simulations before going out to market," Minister Birmingham said. Monash University President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Margaret Gardner AO said the award was recognition of the innovative approaches to learning and teaching undertaken at the University (MONASH). Associate Professor Kevin Tant has made significant and imaginative contributions to teaching excellence and student learning in the field of finance. He led the software and hardware design and build of the Simulated Teaching and Research Laboratory (STARLab). This is a state-ofthe-art learning environment that enables students to move seamlessly between

theoretical models and practical financial

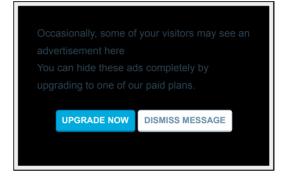
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accreditations, and to curriculum and

pedagogic innovation in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. He is a passionate and effective communicator of his knowledge

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